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Most students pass through five major transitions from one level of schooling to another. This book-for principals, teachers, and counselors-focuses on the transition from middle school to high school. The book is grounded in Queen's Twelve Factors for Successful Student Transitions, a research-based set of findings and guidelines. Each factor is detailed, along with related research and analyses of some of the larger studies. The book furnishes guidelines for reducing teacher, student, and parent fear; improving student achievement; and providing school safety. For principals and teachers, there is a discussion of roles, a set of principles for guidance, a long list of references, policy recommendations from a variety of sources, and strategies to apply, which include games and activities for students, teachers, and staff development. The book also examines successful transition programs and provides practical guidelines for developing a transitional plan for the local school system. An appendix contains surveys, tips, and related resources. (Contains 154 references.) (WFA)

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